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1. (U) Reference DIA letter, Cite S-1254/AP-1M,  
Subject: National Intelligence Survey Program, dated  
27 March 1964.

2. (C) The General Surveys attached to the refer-  
enced letter, have been reviewed. The following comments  
are offered for appropriate consideration:

a. The new NIS General Survey is a considerably  
improved product in comparison to its predecessor. The  
expanded Political, Transportation, and Telecommunications  
Sections include additional basic intelligence increasing  
the value of this document for use in "outline planning"  
and "orientation" applications.

b. The programmed updating cycle of three years  
appears adequate for the general intelligence data; however,  
additional study should be given to methods for updating  
items such as the Sections on Political, Economic, and  
Armed Forces. Possibly a format change and adaptation to  
loose leaf bindings could suffice. In the MEAFSA area,  
basic changes in the above subject areas have occurred  
more frequently than can be accommodated by updating in  
three year intervals. It appears likely that this tend-  
ency will continue for sometime to come.

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c. The use of supplemental reports to update the contents of the General Survey would be satisfactory to this Command. However, unless these supplemental reports are kept current as changes occur, substantially the same situation that presently exists could again prevail; i.e., the General Survey could not be used for "outline planning" and "area orientations" without considerable analytical assistance and updating effort, thereby negating the value of a General Survey as such.

d. The enlargement of the paragraph on Public Order and Security is a long overdue improvement. This type of information is particularly useful in any evaluation of the developing countries in the MEAFSA area. It includes the governmental apparatus with which communist penetration efforts must achieve success if they are to "take over". It is recommended that this portion of the General Survey always be included and, whenever possible, Soviet and Chinese Communist influence and objectives be presented in relation to this subject.

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[REDACTED] is most useful in reaching an evaluation of organizations and national policies. It would appear appropriate to have this type of data included on a selective basis within the General Survey, possibly as an extra section, formatted for easy updating.

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f. A review of Paragraph 9 of NIS 35 (India) and NIS 77 (Panama) was accomplished; and, while the other 2 NISs submitted for study and comment did not have a Paragraph 9 (Maps and Chart Appraisal), there appears to be some value in including this feature, at least in a modified form. Paragraph 9, as written, might not be adaptable to all NIS Surveys; however, a graphic presentation of available map coverage from all sources would be a useful aid for planning purposes.

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3. (C) In general, the new NIS Survey is a definite product improvement and will be of increased value in developing outline plans and operations as well as providing a broader base for area orientation applications.

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